

There are more than 138,000 towers registered, and so far their presence has proven lethal to millions of migrating birds. Many songbirds migrate at night and are killed after colliding with these towers, particularly during periods of fog, rain and low-cloud ceilings. Tower height, placement, lighting and the presence and placement of guy wires seem to influence mortality levels, but a great deal still remains unknown about the impact of tower strikes on each bird species. Not surprisingly, the communications industry has been largely unconcerned about the problem, but as bird mortality rates rise, I ask the FCC to take notice and make changes.